#### DAVID A. BALDWIN.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 230.]

March 5, 1840.

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That it appears from the oath of the petitioner, that he entered the service of the United States, as a private soldier, in the month of August, 1814, and was stationed at Brooklin heights, New York; that he was at times compelled to perform the duty of a sentinel without the use of sentry-boxes, exposed to wet and cold; and that he, during part of the time, did lodge

on the bare ground without bedding or straw.

That in the month of October following, while on duty, he was taken sick of a nervous fever; that in the month of November he was honorably discharged in consequence of said fever; that he, after being discharged, returned to his home, and was confined by said sickness to his room for several months; that he has never enjoyed good health since that time, and that he is now, at the age of fifty-two years, wholly unable to labor for his support, and has no other means than the charity of friends to subsist upon.

The above statement is fully substantiated by the oaths of Benjamin Montanye, Spencer Stewart, and Thomas Edwards, all of whom served in the same company with petitioner, and are certified to be credible wit-

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Darius Martin and John Gray, who are certified to be credible witnesses, testify that they were well acquainted with the petitioner when he entered the army, that he was well and hearty; that he was sick when he returned, and has been so ever since that time.

Blake Wales, a practising physician and surgeon, testifies that he has been well acquainted with the petitioner twenty years, and believes that his

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Randal S. Street, former member of Congress, G. W. Ludlane, William Gillespey, Thomas Crary and Platt Petton, judges of the county court, A. Dimmick, district attorney, A. C. Niven, surrogate, William E. Cady, county clerk, Joseph Grant, sheriff, eight supervisors of the county of Sullivan, the Reverend Edward K. Fowles, and a number of other citizens, certify that they have been long acquainted with the petitioner, that his character is good, that he is totally disabled, and to their entire belief in the matter set forth by the petitioner.

The committee, therefore, fully persuaded that the petitioner is entitled

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